

REMARKS

Claims 1-72 are pending in the present application. By this Amendment, Claims 56-72 are added. Basis for the amendments to the claims is found throughout the Specification, particularly at page 41, line 46 to page 42, line 12. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the present claims in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

The Claimed Invention

Applicants respectfully submit that the newly added claims are related to the originally filed claims as being directed to wet wipes. The newly added claims are focused on one of the novel aspects of the present invention, namely that the wet wipes of the present invention are able to generate their tensile strength without the required use of solvents. As set forth in the Specification, many prior wipes typically use solvents to achieve their desired wet strength. As set forth in the newly added claims and throughout the Specification, the wet wipes of the present invention do not need organic solvents to ensure a minimum in-use tensile strength. However, organic solvents may be included in the claimed invention for other purposes, e.g., to generate additional tensile strength beyond the minimum needed, for cleaning, etc.

Conclusion

For at least the reasons given above, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-72 define patentable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of these claims.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is necessary in order to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.